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Thurston County: Scenic Shores residents urged to boil water

OLYMPIA — The State Department of Health issued a boil-water advisory today for the 600 residents of the Scenic Shores subdivision in southeastern Thurston County.

The advisory was issued after *E. coli* contamination was confirmed in drinking water samples. The subdivision is on the north shore of Lake Lawrence, about six miles southeast of Rainier.

Residents in the affected area should boil their water for at least one minute or use purchased bottled water for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth, preparing food, or washing dishes.

The agency's Office of Drinking Water is working with the system to try to find the source of contamination and help the system correct the problem. Department engineers don't believe this incident is related to last week's flooding.

The advisory will remain in effect until the water system operator and the state Department of Health are satisfied the water is once again safe to drink.

Customers who have questions about the advisory may call 360-878-2204.

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